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SUBJ: DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA

REF: A. STATE 190108 B. TOKYO 6915 C. TOKYO 10464

1. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARIS CLUB STYLE MULTILATERAL DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR NORTH KOREA AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A. ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL DATA SUPPLIED BY EXPORT INSURANCE DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (REF B) TOTAL NORTH KOREAN LONG AND SHORT TERM DEBT OWED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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JAPANESE FIRMS AS OF MARCH 31, 1975, WAS \$213 MILLION. OF THIS

ONLY ABOUT \$13 MILLION WAS SCHEDULED TO FALL DUE THIS YEAR, AND \$10 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN REPAID (REF C). POLITICALLY, DEBT RESCHEDULING IS NOT AN ATTRACTIVE MOVE. ANY APPEAL RESCHEDULING MIGHT HAVE FOR SUPPORTERS OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH PYONGYANG WOULD BE MORE THAN OUTWEIGHED BY CERTAIN ADVERSE REACTION FROM UNITED STATES, ROK, AND LDP RIGHT WING. SHOESMITH

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